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LISBON FOR VP MONDALE, AMBASSADOR YOUNG

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SUBJECT: RSA MEDIA REACTION - YOU RSA VISIT AND
MONDALE/VORSTER MEETING

SUMMARY: RSA RADIO AND PRESS MAY 14 REPORTED PREVIOUS OBSTACLES TO
YOUNG VISIT OVERCOME AND AMBASSADOR NOW SCHEDULED VISIT RSA "MAY
21 AND/OR MAY 22". EARLIER PLANS TO VISIT SOWETO AND ROBERT SOBUKWE
NOT ON. RE VIENNA TALKS, GROWING SPECULATION WHAT MONDALE, VORSTER
WILL TELL EACH OTHER, WITH U.S. EXPECTED TAKE "TOUGH" LINE.
MEANWHILE, FM BOTHA DEVELOPING AGGRESSIVE PUBLIC POSTURE FOR
VIENNA. END SUMMARY.

GOVT-CONTROLLED SABC RADIO NEWS PROGRAM REPORTED AFTER
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SAG/USG CONTACT ? SAG AUTHORITIES STATED "THERE IS NO
OBJECTION" TO VISIT BY AMBASSADOR YOUNG TO RSA SO LONG
AS VISIT UNOFFICIAL AND COMES AFTER VORSTER/MONDALE
TALKS IN VIENNA. SAG REPORTEDLY INDICATED DATES OF
MAY 21 OR MAY 22 APPROVED FOR VISIT, THAT AS VISIT
UNOFFICIAL AMBASSADOR YOUNG WOULD NOT BE TRAVELING
ABOARD OFFICIAL AIRCRAFT, AND FALLING ON WEEKEND, "IT

WAS UNSURE" WHETHER SPEECH AT WITS UNIVERSITY TO STUDENTS
COULD BE ARRANGED. NEWS ITEM ENDED, "IT CAN BE INFERRED
THERE WILL BE NO VISIT BY AMBASSADOR YOUNG TO SOWETO
AND NO VISIT WITH ROBERT SOBUKWE."

BOTH OPPOSITION ENGLISH RAND DAILY MAIL (JOHANNESBURG)
AND CAPE TIMES (CAPE TOWN) CARRIED REPORTS DATELINED
CAPE TOWN SAYING SAG "HAD BEEN ASSURED ABOUT ITS RESER-
VATIONS" ABOUT PROJECTED YOUNG VISIT AND "WOULD NOT
OBJECT" TO HIS COMING. REPORTS QUOTED FM BOTHA. ARTICLE
SAID YOUNG "UNLIKELY" HAVE OFFICIAL CONTACT WITH SAG
OR VISIT EITHER SOWETO OR SOBUKWE.

RDM CARRIED SEPARATE ARTICLE DATELINED NEW YORK SIGNED
BY RICHARD WALKER INDICATING VEEP MONDALE "WILL PRESENT
VORSTER NEXT WEEK WITH LIST OF PUNITIVE MEASURES U.S.
IS READY TO ENACT TO PRESSURISE RSA INTO INTERNAL POLICY
CHANGES." MEASURES LISTED: TIGHTENED VISA REQUIREMENTS
FOR RSA CITIZENSSVISITING U.S; SERVERING U.S. INTELLI-
GENCE LINKS WITH BOSS AND OTHER AGENCIES; CURBING USG-
BACKED TRADE CREDITS; WITHDRAWING U.S. MILITARY ATTACHE
FROM PRETORIA. "WHETHER AND WHEN ANY OR ALL ARE IM-
PLEMENTED WILL GREATLY DEPEND ON OUTCOME OF VIENNA
MEETING." ARTICLE STATED USG STANCE "IS CLEAR BREAK
FROM OLD FORD-KISSINGER APPROACH OF POLITE ENCOURAGE-
MENT IN EXCHANGE FOR COOPERATION...FRAMEWORK FOR TOUGHER
SOUTH AFRICA POLICY IS EMERGING FAST."

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SAME COVERAGE. BOTHA QUOTED RE: VIENNA THAT SAG NOT
GOING TO VIENNA "AS AN ACCUSED" AND "US OFFICIALS
GOING TO THE TALKS WITH OPEN MINDS AND THERE WOULD NOT
BE CONFRONTATION."

SEPARATE WASHINGTON REPORT SAID MONDALE WOULD WARN VORSTER
THAT RSA MUST CHANGE APARTHEID POLICIES OR "RISK
LOSING ALL U.S. SUPPORT". SAG/USG RELATIONS WERE AT
"WATERSHED" AND RSA MUST "CHART NEW COURSE...IF THEY
DON'T RELATIONS WON'T BE AS GOOD AS IN THE PAST...
WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THERE
MUST BE FULL POLITICAL PARTICIPATION BY ALL SECTORS
OF THEIR SOCIETY IF THERE'S GOING TO BE PEACE AND
PROGRESS, ANYTHING LESS WILL ONLY ENCOURAGE EXISTING
PROBLEMS."

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."CAPE TIMES" ALSO CARRIED EDITORIAL PAGE BACKGROUNDER BY
ASSISTANT EDITOR GERALD SHAW SEEING "IDENTICAL" BASIC POLICY
INTERESTS OF USA AND RSA AS "(1) PEACEFUL TRANSITION TO INDEPENDENCE
AND MAJORITY RULE IN SWA AND RHODESIA, AND (2) ORDERLY CHANGE IN
RSA ITSELF." SHAW CALLED FOR RSA AND USA "TO WORK AS PARTNERS" AND
NOTED "IT IS ALMOST A LAW OF RSA POLITICS THAT OVERT AND
SPECTACULAR PRESSURES FROM ABOARD ARE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE, CAUSING
HARDENING OF ATTITUDES AMONG AFRIKANER NATIONALIST...ALTHOUGH
VORSTER AND BOTHA WILL GO TO VIENNA WITH SOLID MANDATE FROM WHITE
ELECTORATE, THEY CANNOT REALLY SPEAK FOR BLACK AND BROWN MASSES WHO
ARE EXCLUDED FROM RSA PARLIAMENTARY PROCESS." SHAW CONCLUDED "IT WILL
NOT BE A QUESTION OF U.S. TELLING US HOW TO RUN OUR INTERNAL
AFFAIRS - IT WILL BE QUESTION OF THEM TELLING US WHAT KIND OF RSA
COULD BE BACKED AND SUPPORTED AS RESPECTED MEMEBER OF WESTERN
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ALLIANCE. CHOICE WILL BE WHOLLY OURS TO MAKE."

. JOHANNESBURG AFRIKAANS PAPER "BELLD" QUOTED FM BOTHA SAYING RSA

NOT GOING TO BE "BLACKMAILED" AT VIENNA. "WE ARE NOT GOING THERE TO STAND IN THE DOCK AS THE ACCUSED," BOTHA SAID. HE ADDED HE BELIEVED U.S. APPROACHING VIENNA TALKS WITH OPEN MIND, AS WAS RSA. THESE QUOTES FROM BOTHA ALSO USED ON SABC RADIO NEWSCASTS MAY 14.

1"BEELD" AND SISTER AFRIKAANS PAPER "DIE BURGER" (CAPE TOWN) BOTH CARRIED REUTER REPORT FROM WASHDC SAYING VORSTER MEETING WITH MONDALE "WILL ENHANCE VORSTER'S STATURE ON HIGH INTERNATIONAL LEVEL WHERE RSA SO LONG IGNORED." REPORT SAID VORSTER WOULD ASSERT RSA VIEWS RE COMMUNIST GAINS IN AFRICA AND STRATEGIC VALUE OF CAPE SEA ROUTE WHILE MONDALE WOULD RESTATE U.S. OPPOSITION TO RSA RACE DISCRIMINATION, SARNING RSA THAT USG WILL NOT REDUCE PRESSURE FOR REFORM. REPORT QUOTED UNNAMED WASHDC OFFICIALS SAYING VIENNA MEETING MADE POSSIBLE BY SAG CONCESSIONS ON NAMIBIA INDEPENDENCE PROCESS.

.IN ONLY EDITORIAL COMMENT MAY 14 MORNING, JOHANNESBURG AFRIKAANS PAPER "DIE TRANSVALER" SAID AMBASSADOR YOUNG "COULD WRECK ALL PEACE EFFORTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA...BUT WE CANNOT REFUSE HIM ENTRY, FOR THAT WOULD UNITE ALL AMERICANS BEHIND HIM AND LEAD INEVITABLY TO COOLED RELATIONS. IT COULD EVEN CAST DOUBT ON THE VIENNA SUMMIT. AND IT COULD JEOPARDIZE PRETORIA/WASHDC COOPERATION ON RESOLVING RHODESIA AND SWA ISSUES. BUT NEITHER CAN WE GIVE IN TO MR YOUNG WITHOUT SATISFACTION OF OUR PRECONDITIONS. IT WOULD BE MOST UNFORTUNATE IF THE THOUGHTLESSNESS OF MR YOUNG LED TO A SITUATION IN WHICH WE WERE SEEN TO BE CHASING AWAY A MEMBER OF THE U.S. CABINET. WE TRUST SOMEONE LIKE BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN WILL RECOGNIZE IMPLICATIONS OF THIS YOUNG AFFAIR FOR RHODESIA NEGOTIATIONS AND USE HIS INFLUENCE TO HELP SAVE THE SITUATION."HUGHES

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